

"FIGHTING BOB'S"
REPLY TO MR. MYERS

Rear-Admiral Resents Most Emphatically Letter Written by Exposition Governor.

WILL SEEK REDRESS

Mr. Myers Replies That He Doesn't Care What Evans Does.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, September 14.—Correspondence between Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, United States Navy, and Barton Myers, a member of the board of governors of the Jamestown Exposition, relating to the alleged views of navy officers about their service in connection with the exposition, was published to-day in the Army and Navy Journal. The two men became involved through the publication of a letter in a New York evening newspaper several months after Mr. Myers wrote "What Nettle Evans."

What particularly angered Admiral Evans in the letter was this: "If Admiral Evans and certain officers who are taking their cue from him now feel that it is a derogation of their dignity for a few months to associate with the common people of this country, and to allow them to come aboard of their ships and look over it, it will tend rather to respect and create an antagonistic feeling such as is already cropping up among the papers of the country."

Mr. Myers replied to Admiral Evans's letter under date of August 20th, saying that he wrote the published letter "about two and a half months ago, early in June, but the date is omitted in its present publication. It was not my intention or expectation that the letter should be printed, although I omitted to ask that it be not published. I must ask that in reading the letter you do so as of the time when it was written."

Mr. Myers went on to explain that "at that time unjust and damaging articles had appeared in the Army and Navy Journal, Army and Navy Register and the Navy, reflecting on the Jamestown Exposition, distinctly announcing the dislike and reluctance with which many of the navy officers regarded their enforced participation in the Jamestown Exposition."

Plenty of Sincer. Admiral Evans wrote in reply the day he got the explanation from Mr. Myers. Admiral Evans says in part:

I desire to make most clear to you the fact that as the fleet and officers and men under my command have been acting under the orders of the Secretary of the Navy and in accordance with the well-known wishes of the President of the United States throughout our service in connection with the Jamestown Exposition the personal opinion and desires of myself or of the said officers and men do not enter into the case at all.

I must also call your attention to the fact that you have no means of knowing what my opinions are in regard to the Jamestown Exposition and the duty of the fleet in connection therewith. Your assumption that what you call "unjust and damaging articles" appearing in the service journals, "reflecting on the Jamestown Exposition," correctly express my personal views is not only unjust to me but is in my opinion an unwarrantable place of imputation, which I most distinctly and emphatically resent.

The unwarrantable character of your first letter is only equaled by the insolence of your assumptions in your last letter that you "gladly accept in good faith your statement that the feelings referred to in the service journals, 'reflecting on the Jamestown Exposition,' correctly express my personal views and the other officers of your fleet." I most forcibly point out to you that I made no such statement to you, as no thought of making any explanation in regard to anything to a person in your subordinate position ever entered my mind.

As you acknowledge the authorship of the letter and accept the responsibility for the statements made therein, I shall now take such steps in regard to your ill advised and irresponsible, rushing into print with an absolutely unfounded charge against me and the officers under my

command as may seem to be the best suited to the circumstances.

Not a Subordinate. To this Mr. Myers replied two days later that as a governor of the exposition and head of two important divisions he did not consider himself at all to be a subordinate. He said: "In my letter in a dignified manner I gave you the explanation asked for, because I felt that such was due by one gentleman to another. It is now perfectly immaterial to me what you think of my letter or what you do with it. Vituperation and innuendo are not arguments. I do not care to lower myself to a discussion on such a plane. I shall therefore consider my correspondence with you closed."

Admiral Evans forwarded also the entire correspondence to the Army and Navy Journal on September 6th, after the paper had criticized in an editorial article the letter written by Mr. Myers. Copies of the correspondence were sent by Admiral Evans to H. St. George Tucker, president of the exposition. The Secretary of the Navy received them through official channels.

Railroad Strike Threatened.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—A general railroad strike is threatened in England as the result of the long struggle of the railway men's union with the British railway companies for the recognition of their organization. They give the companies a week in which to officially recognize and deal with the union, and that a strike will follow a refusal.

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SINCERE SYMPATHY
OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Roosevelt Writes Cordial Letter to Mr. McHenry, Head of Memorial Movement.

NEW YORK, September 14.—In reply to an invitation by the Catholic War Veterans' Benevolent and Memorial Legion to attend the celebration on Antietam Day, September 17th, of a solemn requiem mass to be offered at the pro-Cathedral in Brooklyn for the souls of soldiers of all wars in this country, President Roosevelt has sent the following letter to J. D. McHenry, president of the association:

"I feel a sincere sympathy in the movement which you have inaugurated with the help of the Right Rev. Charles E. McDonnell, to secure an adequate Christian celebration of memorial day through the Catholic War Veterans' Benevolent and Memorial Legion. This legion is composed chiefly of Americans of Roman Catholic faith who served their country as soldiers or sailors during the Civil War, and also of those who served in like capacity in the later war with Spain. With these younger veterans I can myself claim comradeship. The object of the society is to render assistance to such of the members as need it, and to properly honor those who die by appropriate memorial services. Every good citizen sympathizes with these aims, and I extend to you my hearty good wishes for your success."

JEWISH MASSACRE IS DENIED BY HEBREWS

NEW YORK, September 14.—The American Jewish committee to-day issued a statement that it had called for details of the recent massacres in Russia to the Hilfsverein der Deutschen Juden, of Berlin, the largest Jewish organization in Europe, with many correspondents in Russia. The American Jewish committee, the statement says, is glad to be able to give out the information that the Hilfsverein, under date of September 13th, has called that the reports of massacres in Kishinev are false.

GRANT STANDARD OIL PERMISSION TO LAY PIPES

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., September 14.—At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of Norfolk last night, permission was granted the Standard Oil Company to lay two pipe lines for the purpose of pumping products of petroleum outside the limits of the city. The oil company agreed to all of the city's demands, and is to pay an annual assessment tax of \$150.

Cadet Humbert Reinstated.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 14.—Because of representations made by himself and others in his behalf, Superintendent Bledger, of the Naval Academy, has consented to a modification of his recommendation of dismissal in the case of Cadet G. F. Humbert, third class, for alleged "fencing." Humbert will be retained on probation, given one hundred demerits, and will forfeit the remainder of his year's vacation. Rear-Admiral Corlies, acting Secretary of the Navy, has approved the action of Captain Bledger.

To Reduce Shop Force.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., September 14.—Announcement is made that the Southern Railway will reduce the force in its shops in this and in other cities, nearly 1,000 men being thrown out of work on the entire system. About 400 will be laid off at the shops in this city. It is claimed that this action is necessitated by unfavorable legislation affecting the Southern Railway.

New Postmasters Named.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 14.—Virginia postmasters appointed to-day are as follows: Banco, Madison county, Mary S. Yewell, vice James F. Aylor, resigned; Leesland, Stafford county, James H. Michael, vice Phillip C. Payne, resigned; Northwest, Norfolk county, Cecelia M. Fowler, vice F. E. L. Power, deceased; Olinger, Lee county, Samuel C. Slomp, vice Samuel Pearson, resigned; Walnut Hill, Lee county, Henry P. Davis, vice James H. Bolton, resigned.

SOUTHERN MILLS
ARE FLOURISHING

They Have Lost None of Their Attractions as Investments for the Capitalists.

NEW YORK, September 14.—The Wall Street Journal, which keeps a close watch on industrial matters, says in its issue of to-day: "Southern cotton mills show no sign of having lost their attractiveness as investments. On the contrary, enlargement of plants, erection of new mills and installation of more machinery are the features of the news coming from that quarter. With raw cotton at present prices, more money will go into cotton mills, because this is still the chief manufacturing industry in which Southern enterprise feels itself to be master. But the growth of the industry has brought with it various other industrial problems, including such as economies in the use of power and the training of talent for their own needs. The problem of power economy is receiving solution by the use of electrical power on water courses and in nearby localities. The machinery of whole towns is run in this way. In the training of young men for a career in the mills, the mechanical colleges are doing much that will go far to equip Southern cotton manufacturing with a superior class of men."

Ethel Roosevelt, Autolist.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 14.—Miss Ethel Roosevelt, like her elder sister, Mrs. Longworth, has achieved distinction as an autolist. According to a New York authority, she was on the Oyster Bay roads yesterday in a big red car, which shot ahead at full speed. Shortly after the red car disappeared in a whirl of dust, Theodore, Jr., and a young woman came galloping along a bridge-path leading into the road over which Miss Roosevelt's car had passed. Fifty yards behind Theodore, Jr., the President came galloping, followed by two girls and Kermit, all laughing at the outcome of the brief race in which they had been engaged.

SALISBURY LADY STRUCK DOWN WITH PARALYSIS

SALISBURY, N. C., September 14.—Mrs. T. B. Beall, one of Salisbury's most lovable women, aged about forty-eight years, suffered a stroke of paralysis at her home last night, from which she is hardly expected to recover. She was in the yard when she suddenly became blind and fell unconscious to the ground. She is a prominent worker in both the local and State organizations of the Daughters of the Confederacy, and has many friends throughout the State.

THIS WILLIAM TELL KILLED APPLE-BEARER

RIO JANEIRO, Sept. 14.—Juan Espinosa, an expert Chilean marksman, while attempting to shoot an apple from the head of a man at a circus here, missed and killed the apple-bearer. The crowd at the exhibition made a rush for Espinosa, and he barely escaped lynching at their hands.

Have Long Distance Service.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SALISBURY, N. C., September 14.—It is announced here that the independent telephone companies operating exchanges at Statesville, Taylorsville, Concord, High Point, Lexington, Troy, Ashboro and other smaller places will combine in the construction of long distance lines between all these places. The lines are to pass through Ballantyne, where a number of toll stations will be maintained for the use of the public.

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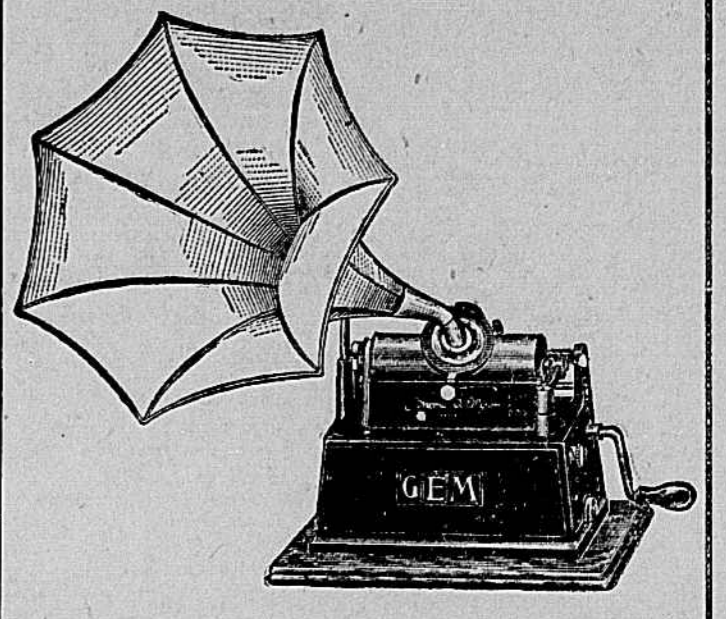
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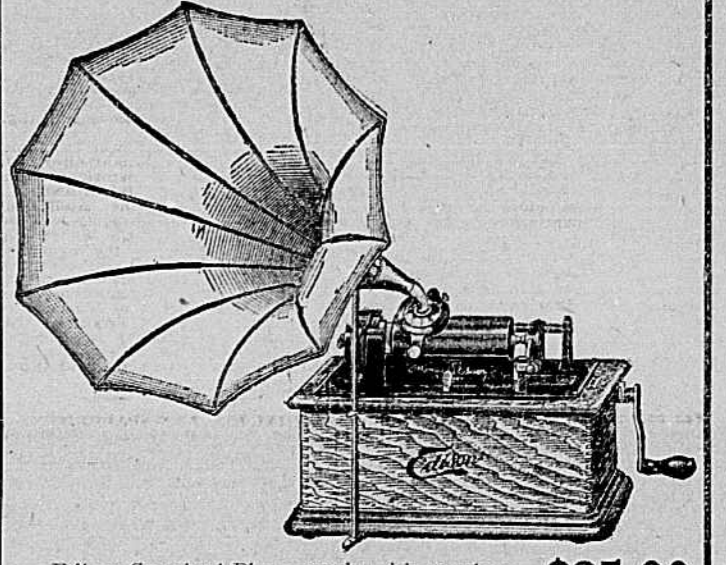
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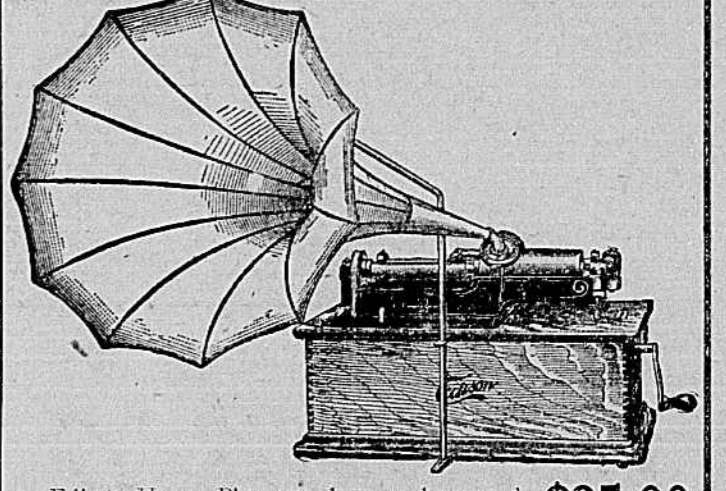
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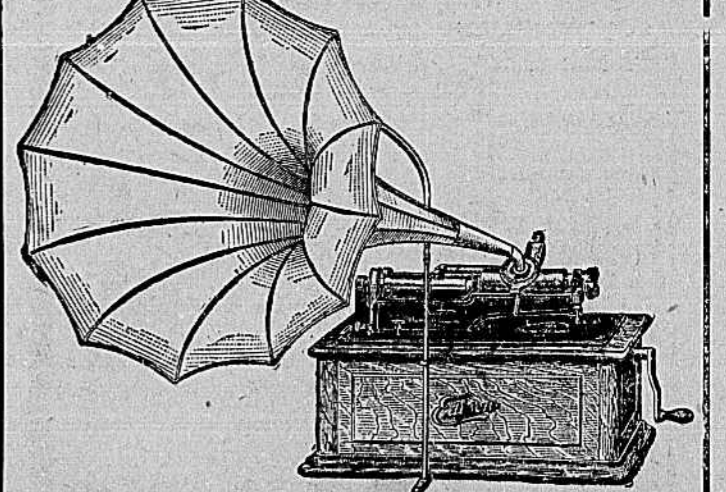
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